

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-86 are pending claims. Claims 30, 47-64 and 81-86 are currently under consideration. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the Office Action.

1. The Examiner objected to the fact that the text of the cancelled claims are not omitted. In response, Applicant has deleted the text of the cancelled claims to obviate the objection.

2. Claim 85 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification as originally filed in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that, contrary to what the Examiner alleged, the specification as originally filed teaches the alleged new matter claimed in claim 85, namely, methods in which a candidate agent is itself trackable without being attached to a tractable composition. For example, the specification teaches that in methods to identify an agent which promotes FcRn-mediated drug stabilization, “suspected or candidate agents are formulated with a trackable composition.” See Specification, page 23, lines 11-13. Furthermore, the specification provides a specific example of IgG as an agent that promotes FcRn mediated drug stabilization and IgG itself can be tracked by ELISA method without it being attached to a tractable composition. See Exemplification section of the Specification, page 43, lines 24-31.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the specification enables the scope of claim 85, and no new matter was introduced by the amendment filed 10/6/04. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

3. Claims 30, 57-60, 61-64 and 85-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant traverses this rejection and submits that the specification and the state of the art enable the scope of these claims. Nevertheless, solely to expedite prosecution

of the remaining claims, Applicants have amended the claims, and hereby reserve the right to pursue claims of similar scope in a future application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-951-7000. If a extension of time is required, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that such extension be granted and any fee required be charged to Deposit Account No. 18-1945, Order No. JMY-P01-002.

Respectfully Submitted,

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